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(20140-00319)

**REMARKS**

**Status of Claims:**

Claims 1-27 were pending in the application and are the subject of a Restriction requirement. The Applicants elect Group I, claims 1-18 and 24-27, drawn to a pad and a method of polishing a surface, classified in class 451, subclass 41 for further prosecution in this case.

Claims 19-23 are drawn to the non-elected invention and may be cancelled by the Examiner upon the allowance of the claims directed to the elected invention. This cancellation is without prejudice to, or disclaimer of, any subject matter therein. Each of the pending claims defines an invention that is novel and unobvious over the cited art. Favorable consideration of this case is respectfully requested.

**Conclusion:**

In view of the above, consideration and allowance are respectfully solicited.

Accordingly, it is respectfully requested that the foregoing amendments be entered, that the application as so amended receive an examination on the merits, and that the claims as now presented receive an early allowance.

In the event the Examiner believes an interview might serve to advance the prosecution of this application in any way, the undersigned attorney is available at the telephone number noted below.

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The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any fees or credit any overpayment associated with this communication, including any extension fees or fees for the net addition of claims, to Deposit Account No. 22-0185.

Respectfully submitted,



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